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PADSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1955

There is little point at the present time in repeating the long standing problems which face the Council of a comparatively small Authority. Financial restrictions will preclude any major action on slum clearance and sewerage for some time to come, in spite of the fact that these fundamental services probably contribute more to the health and well-being of a community than any others. The council can but maintain the services in their present state.

I should like to compliment Mr. Cutlack for his thoroughness in the Sanitary side of his duties, especially in relation to food premises, the regulations for which have increased the volume of work considerably.

I should like to thank the Council and Staff for their help during the year, and remain,

1. STATISTICS

General Statistics.

Area in Acres	3,343
Estimated Mid Year Population	2,890
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,040
Rateable Value	£25,899
Product of Penny Rate	£96.
Comparability Factor.	
(a) Births	0.97
(b) Deaths	0.77

Vital Statistics

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number of Live Births Registered 1955</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	26	13	39
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	26	13	39

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	13.9
Birth Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales.	15.0

Stillbirths One Female stillbirth was recorded in 1955

Infant Deaths There were no infant deaths in 1955

Deaths

Number of Deaths Registered 1955

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	14	16	30
Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.7		
Death Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales	11.7		

Distribution of Deaths by Diseases 1955

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Heart Disease	3	9	12
Cerebro Vascular Disease	4	1	5
Respiratory diseases	-	-	-
Cancer	3	3	6
Accident	1	1	2
Other Causes	3	2	5
	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>

Distribution of Deaths by Ages

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 month	-	-	-
1 month - 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 20	-	-	-
21 - 40	2	1	3
41 - 60	1	1	2
61 - 70	3	3	6
71 - 80	5	6	11
81 - 90	3	4	7
91 and over	-	1	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>

11. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospital Service

No changes occurred in the hospitals serving the district during 1955.

County Council Services

Ambulance Service

The transport of patients to and from hospital was satisfactory. The district is covered principally by County owned vehicles situated in Bodmin, supported by an ambulance manned by voluntary personnel of the British Red Cross Society.

Infant Welfare Centre

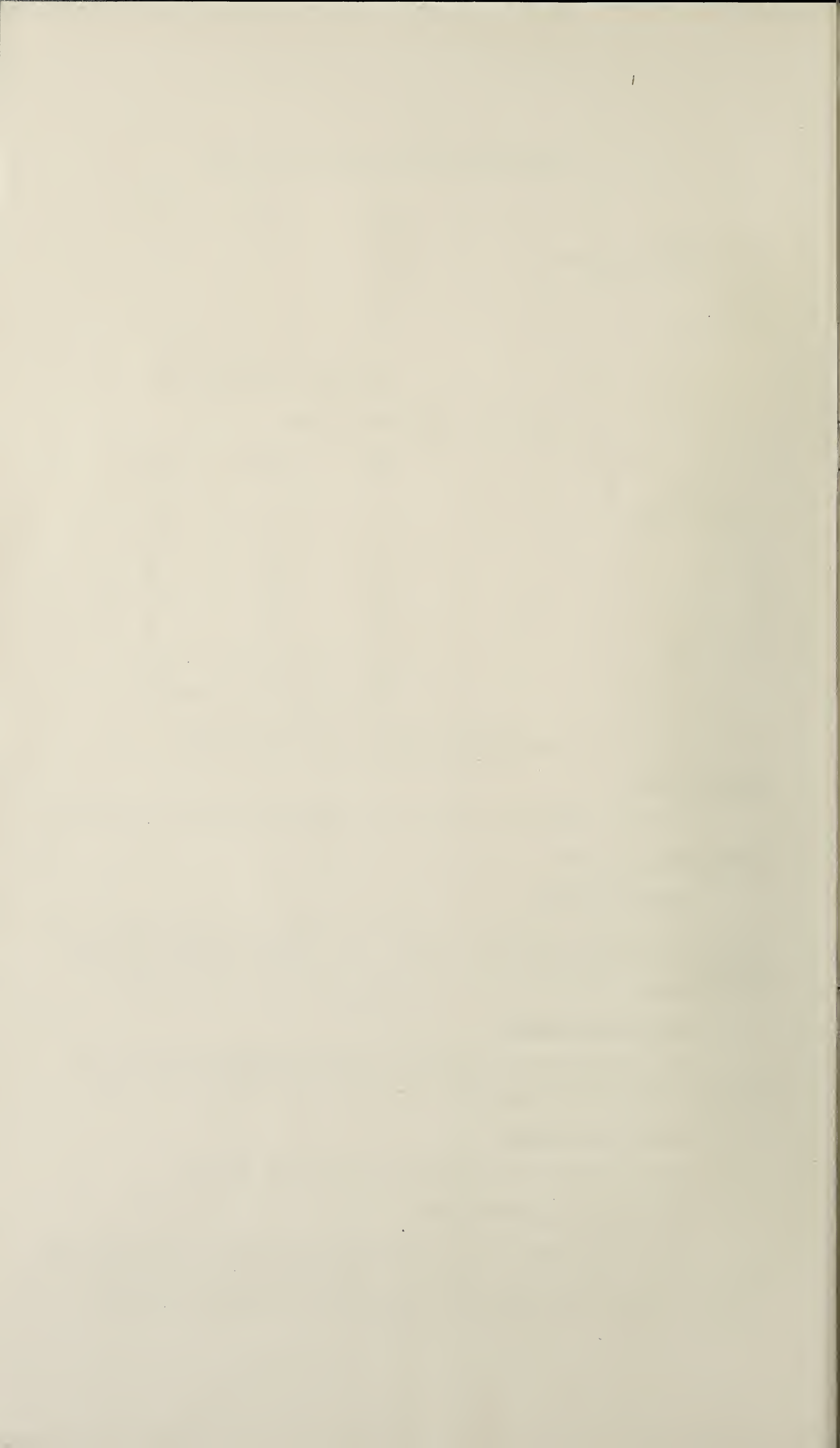
This continued to be used with an average attendance of 19.6. The number of attendances has greatly declined since the closure of the Royal Naval Air Station of St. Merryn.

Nursing and Midwifery

The two district nurses conducted 22 home confinements.

Immunisations and Vaccinations

Children continued to be immunised by General Practitioners and at the Infant Welfare Centre. The prophylactic in general used was a combined one for diphtheria and whooping cough. Recently a prophylactic containing added tetanus toxoid has been introduced. Approximately two-thirds of children reaching the age of one year were immunised.



111. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The towns supply gave water of satisfactory bacteriological quality during the year. Supplementary supplies were obtained from the Wadebridge main supply.

Results of Samples 1955

<u>Date</u>	<u>Probable Coliform</u>	<u>Probable Faecal Coli</u>
23.2.55	-	-
15.6.55	-	-
22.6.55	-	-
10.8.55	-	-
26.8.55	-	-
20.9.55	-	-
20.10.55	8	3
25.10.55	-	-
15.11.55	-	-

The single unsatisfactory sample resulted from a temporary failure of the chlorinator.

Sewage Disposal

No extensions were made to the town sewerage.

Refuse Collection

The Credis dump continued in use during the year. The site was inadequately controlled and caused considerable nuisance to the neighbouring farm, especially from flies. Proper control can only be secured with additional labour and covering material on the site. The volume of refuse increases greatly during the summer months, and much could be achieved by the public if the large quantities of paper waste were burned at home.

Sanitary Inspection

Summary of Visits

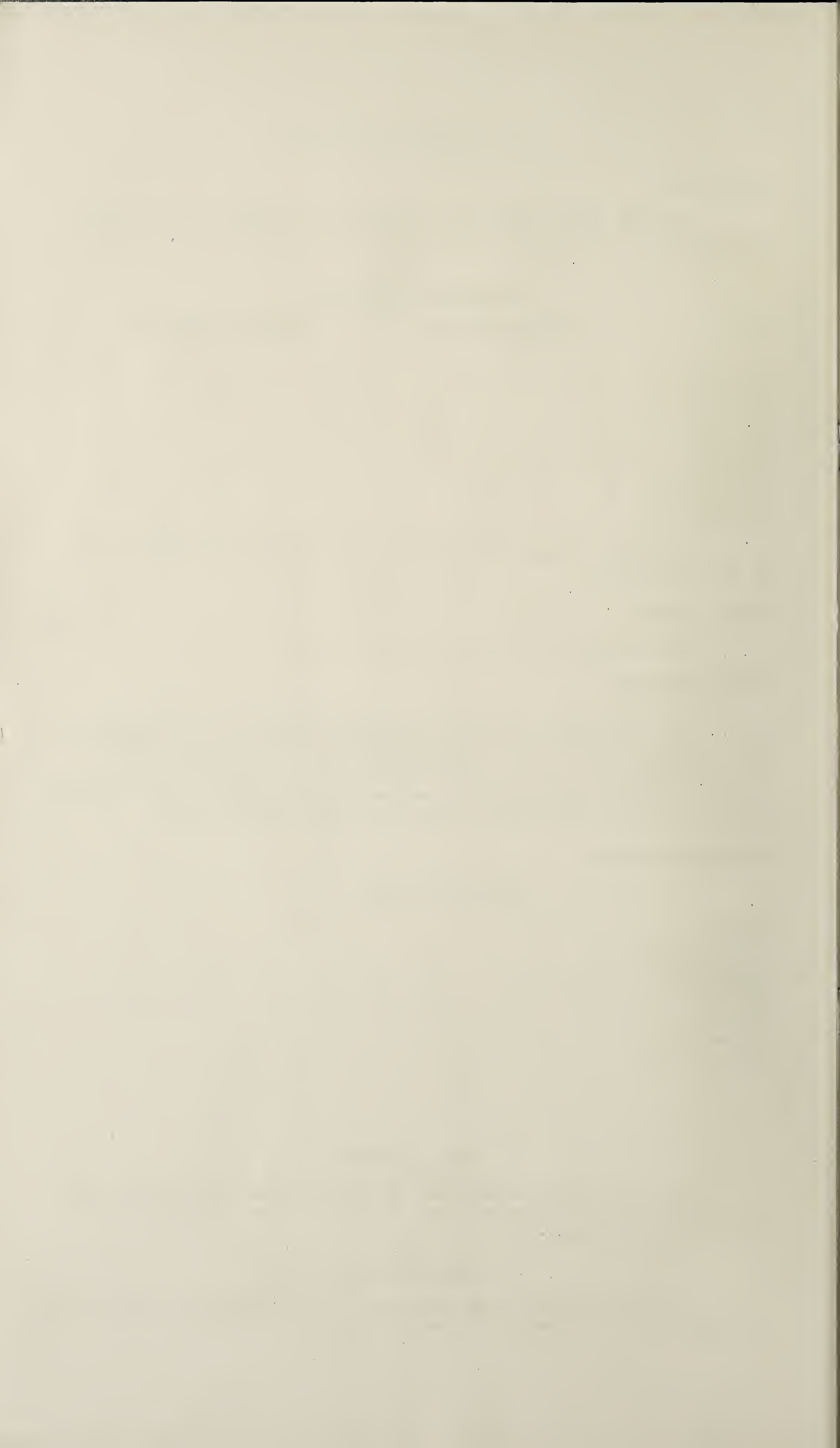
Housing	24
Food Premises	7
Other Premises	6
Outworkers	1
Dairies	3
Sewerage	10
Caravan Sites	2
Food and Drugs	10
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IV. FOOD AND DRUGS

The County Councils inspectors submitted 30 milk and 9 other samples for analysis. Three milk samples were found to be unsatisfactory, and appropriate action was taken.

V. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Registered premises were inspected. No complaints were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories. One outworker was registered during 1955.



VI. HOUSING

The Council completed eight houses and private enterprise four houses during the year. Four sub-standard properties were dealt with under Section 11 Housing Act 1936. No formal notices were served.

VII. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified infectious diseases consisted of 6 measles, 1 scarlet fever, 1 pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 non pulmonary tuberculosis.

Children in their 14th year were invited to attend the Mass Radiography Unit in Bodmin. They were also tuberculin tested and vaccinated with B.C.G. where necessary and with parents consent. A good response was obtained.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REED.

Medical Officer of Health.

